

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-28 (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface comprising:

a communications interface in association with a window;

a controller to persistently display said communications interface in association with said window and to enable an object to be transferred to different destinations by dragging-and-dropping said object to different locations within said communications interface;

an icon representing a potential object recipient;

a user interface having the appearance of a sticky note such that the user can provide notes on said sticky note; and

said user interface being transferable to said recipient by dragging-and-dropping said note to said icon.

30. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 29 including a plurality of icons representing a plurality of potential recipients.

31. (New) A method comprising:

persistently displaying a communications interface and association with a window;

enabling an object to be transferred to different destinations by dragging-and-dropping said object to different locations within said communications interface;

displaying a communications interface in association with a window, said interface including an icon representing a potential object recipient; and

enabling a user interface in the form of a sticky note to be annotated in order to pass a note to an intended recipient.

32. (New) The method of claim 31 including providing an icon for each of a plurality of users and enabling communications through said communications interface between said users.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 including providing a home interface for said users and enabling communications between said users and said home interface using said communications interface.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 including providing access on a password protected basis to said interfaces associated with said users.

35. (New) The method of claim 31 further including producing a thumbnail depiction of an object when said object is mouse clicked on.

36. (New) The method of claim 35 including attaching a depiction of said object to a cursor so that said depiction moves as said cursor moves.

37. (New) The method of claim 31 including providing a first interface where objects are persistently stored after being transferred from the first interface and a second interface where objects are automatically discarded after being transferred from the second interface.

38. (New) An article comprising a computer storage medium storing instructions that, if executed, enable a processor-based system to:

persistently display a communications interface in association with a window;

enable an object to be transferred to different destinations by dragging-and-dropping said object in different locations in said communications interface;

display a communications interface in association with a window, said interface including an icon representing a potential object recipient; and

enable a user to prepare a note on a user interface having the appearance of a sticky note.

39. (New) The article of claim 38 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to enable said object to be transferred to a destination represented by an icon in said communications interface.

40. (New) The article of claim 38 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to enable said object to be transferred between users.

41. (New) The article of claim 38 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to enable an object to be transferred between application programs.

42. (New) The article of claim 38 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to produce a thumbnail depiction of an object when said object is mouse clicked on.

43. (New) The article of claim 42 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to attach said object to a cursor so that said object moves as the cursor moves.

44. (New) The article of claim 38 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to provide an interface for each of a plurality of users to enable communications through said communication interface between said users.

45. (New) The article of claim 44 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to provide a home interface for said users that enables communications between said users and said home interface using said communications interface.

46. (New) A system comprising:
a processor; and
a storage coupled to said processor, to store storing instructions that enable the processor to persistently display a communications interface in association with a window, enable an object to be transferred to different locations by dragging-and-dropping said object in different location within said communications interface, enable a user to provide a user interface having the appearance of a sticky note and transfer said note to a recipient by dragging-and-dropping said note to an icon.

47. (New) The system of claim 46 including a display and a mouse coupled to said processor.

48. (New) The system of claim 47 wherein the storage stores instructions that enable the processor to provide an interface for each of a plurality of users to enable communication through said communication interface between users.

49. (New) The system of claim 48 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to facilitate communications between users of the same system.

50. (New) The system of claim 47 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to provide a home interface for said users and enables communications between said users and said home interface using said communications interface.

51. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to automatically produce a thumbnail depiction of an object when said object is mouse clicked on.

52. (New) The system of claim 51 wherein said depiction of said object is automatically linked to said cursor so that said depiction moves as the cursor moves.

53. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to provide a first interface where objects are persistently stored after being transferred from the first interface and a second interface where objects are automatically discarded after being transferred from the second interface.